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SUBJECT: WILSON VISIT TO ROMANIA

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1. CONFIRMING INFORMATION REPORTED REFTEL, LONDON PRESS HAS ANNOUNCED THAT PRIME MINISTER WILSON WILL VISIT ROMANIA SEPTEMBER 16-18. THIS VISIT, THE FIRST BY A BRITISH P.M. TO EASTERN EUROPE (EXCLUDING USSR) SINCE WW II, WILL BE FOLLOWED LATER IN MONTH BY VISIT OF HOUSE OF COMMONS SPEAKER SELWYN LLOYD TO BUCHAREST.

2. "FINANCIAL TIMES" INDICATES WILSON IS EXPECTED TO SIGN A NUMBER OF BILATERAL AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING ONE ON LONG-TERM ECONOMIC COOPERATION, DURING VISIT.

3. "FINANCIAL TIMES" ALSO NOTES THAT BY COINCIDENCE, WILSON WILL BE PRECEDED TO BUCHAREST BY CONSERVATIVE
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PARTY LEADER MARGARET THATCHER, WHO WILL VISIT ROMANIA

IN EARLY SEPTEMBER AS GUEST OF ROMANIAN SOCIALIST UNITY
FRONT.

4. COMMENT: VISIT IS SEEN AS CLEAR INDICATION OF LABOUR
GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO TAKE NEW INITIATIVES IN ITS
EASTERN POLICY. SELECTION OF ROMANIA FOR THIS "FIRST"
IS OBVIOUSLY DESIGNED AS ENCOURAGEMENT FOR ROMANIA'S
RELATIVELY INDEPENDENT STANCE VIS-A-VIS MOSCOW. END
COMMENT.

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